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MEN OF THE HOUR.



REV. LEWIS C. SHEAFE.

Evangelist, Organizer and Financier, Who Has Been Conducting a Remarkably Successful Series of Tent Meetings in Washington, Under the Auspices of the Seventh Day Adventists

A NEW FAITH COMES.

THRILLING SUCCESS OF A SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST.

Rev. Lewis C. Sheafe Stars Washington by his Persuasive Eloquence and Convincing Logic—Story of his Early Struggles and Triumphs—No Color Line in Local Adventist Church

During the past week the daily papers have had much to say, particularly touching the outpouring of the people and the wonderful interest awakened by the meetings which continue to be held in the tent, 13th and T streets, N. W., by the Rev. Lewis C. Sheafe and generally, of the intentions of the Seventh Day Adventists under whose auspices this movement is being conducted.

The Colored American, ever alive to the progress of current events and solicitous to present to its readers the facts of any given situation of race interest, promptly despatched one of its "ferrets" to develop the facts and procure an authoritative statement relating to them. Naturally our representative sought Mr. Sheafe and found him as winning and genial in the privacy of his home life as he is powerful and convincing in the pulpit. It will, we know, be of warm interest to our read-

ers to learn something of the early life and struggles of Mr. Sheafe.

He was born of free parents in the city of Baltimore, Md., in 1859, and hence is not yet forty-three years of age. Both of his parents were strong and God-fearing people, but his mother was so in an eminent degree, having had superior advantages herself, and she instilled in her son's mind by example and precept the beauties of high principle and of right living. His mother's influence and example have always been the dominating principle of his life and her ambition for her son and her increasing efforts soon awakened a responsive chord in him. His early education began with instruction from his mother in elementary branches—and after some desultory study, he entered Wayland Seminary in this city and graduated therefrom in 1888 after a thorough course in theology.

At once he took up the Master's work even before his ordination, and his first charge was at Beulah Church, Alexandria, Va. During his incumbency there he was regularly ordained a minister of the Baptist Church. In the fall of 1888 he was called to the Pilgrim Baptist Church at St. Paul, Minnesota, where he remained until 1892. It was while in charge of the work at St. Paul that his exceptional qualities as an orator, organizer and financier were first brought into active play. He found the church torn with inward dissensions, staggering under an immense debt, and the membership reduced to a

"beggarly array of empty benches." By persistent visitation to all worthy colored people in the city, by constant and intelligent help to those in need without denominational considerations, by the elevated and Godly character of his private life, by his financial acumen and by his sound doctrine and all persuasive eloquence in the pulpit, in less than three months the attendance grew from thirty-six (at his first service in the church which had a seating capacity of nine hundred) to such numbers that the edifice could not accommodate them. In his four years' service there, by his consummate tact and knowledge of men the actual membership was doubled, every warring element was appeased, every cause for criticism was removed and harmony was made absolute. During this period also every legitimate expense was promptly and amply met, and in addition nearly twelve thousand (\$12,000) dollars were raised and paid on the debt of the church.

Domestic reasons and climatic influences compelled his relinquishment of the work in St. Paul, greatly to the regret and grief of the good people of that city and the memory of his minis-

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FOR THE PUBLIC GOOD

RESULTS ACHIEVED BY LABORS OF MR. MURRAY.

Wisdom of His Selection as Chairman of Sub-Committee on Public Comfort Amply Vindicated—Authority on Bibliography of Negro Race—Activity in Securing Remedial Legislation—Faithful to Every Trust.

We observe by the daily papers that acting pursuant to the authority conferred upon him by Chairman Warner of the General Committee on the reception of the Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic during the coming fall, Mr. Daniel Murray, the Chairman of the Sub-Committee to which has been assigned the duty of caring for the reception and entertainment of the colored visitors to the approaching encampment has finally announced the names of the gentlemen selected to act with him on his sub-committee. Doubtless there will be many heart burnings

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MR. DANIEL MURRAY.

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